

## *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* (Bobolink)

### Priority 3 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

**Class:** Aves (Birds)

**Order:** Passeriformes (Perching Birds)

**Family:** Icteridae (Bobolink, Blackbirds, Cowbirds, Grackles, Meadowlarks, And Orioles)

#### General comments:

High relative density in BCR14 with >7% of pop; Declining trend and threats; BCR14: 10 yr -2.37 (-4.0 to -0.7), n=226, rel abun=17.14; BCR30: 10 yr -2.26 (-4.1 to -0.2); n=46, rel abun=3.2

#### Species Conservation Range Maps for Bobolink:

Town Map: [Dolichonyx oryzivorus\\_Towns.pdf](#)

Subwatershed Map: [Dolichonyx oryzivorus\\_HUC12.pdf](#)

#### SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:

**Risk of Extirpation:** NA

**State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern:** NA

**Recent Significant Declines:** NA

**Regional Endemic:** NA

**High Regional Conservation Priority:**

**Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC):**

Status: T, Last Examination: 4/1/2010, Change: New, Canada Occurrence: BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, PE, NS, NL

**Partners In Flight:**

Regional Species of Concern: Yes, United States and Canada Species of Concern: Yes, Regional Stewardship Species: No

**High Climate Change Vulnerability:** NA

**Understudied rare taxa:** NA

**Historical:** NA

**Culturally Significant:** NA

#### Habitats Assigned to Bobolink:

Formation Name	Agricultural
Macrogroup Name	Agricultural
Formation Name	Developed
Macrogroup Name	Maintained Grasses and Mixed Cover
Formation Name	Freshwater Marsh
Macrogroup Name	Wet Meadow-Shrub Marsh

#### Stressors Assigned to Bobolink:

No Stressors Currently Assigned to Bobolink or other Priority 3 SGCN.

#### Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Bobolink:

No Species Specific Conservation Actions Currently Assigned to Bobolink or other Priority 3 SGCN.

#### Conservation Actions Associated with the Grassland Guild:

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<b>Conservation Action</b>	<b>Category:</b> Public Outreach	<b>Biological Priority:</b> high	<b>Type:</b> new
Develop a program to inform small landowners of the best methods for keeping fields open for grassland wildlife			

**Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action**

Livestock Farming and Ranching

<b>Conservation Action</b>	<b>Category:</b> Species Management	<b>Biological Priority:</b> high	<b>Type:</b> new
Develop a BMP guide for farmers to minimize negative effects of cutting hay/silage during the grassland bird nesting season. NRCS recommendations should be viewed as a start with increased emphasis on timing, field size, and bird behavioral cues.			

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**Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:**

Additional relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

**Habitat Based Conservation Actions:**

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

*The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.*